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SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON VIETNAM, PANAMA CANAL,
CUBA AND OAS

1. MAY 2 LIMA PRESS REPORTS THAT JUAN ANTONIO TACK, PANAMA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, STOPPED OVER IN LIMA ENROUTE TO SANTIAGO, BUENOS AIRES AND MONTEVIDEO. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED CRONICA, HE TOUCHED ON SUBJECTS REPORTED BELOW IN AN AIRPORT INTERVIEW.

2. VIETNAM. TACK SAID THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD, AND LATIN AMERICA IN PARTICULAR, SHOULD CHANGE VARY SUBSTANTIALLY AS A RESULT OF THE SEVERE AND OVERWHELMING REVERSE SUFFERED BY THE UNITED STATES ON THE VIETNAM FRONT. HE CONTINUED THAT PANAMA DECIDEDLY SUPPORTS ALL MOVEMENTS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION BECAUSE IT IS ENGAGED IN THE SAME FIGHT. HE DECLARED THAT PANAMA JOYFULLY RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE U.S. DEFEAT IN VIETNAM. (CRONICA DOES NOT USE QUOTES IN ITS ARTICLE.)

3. CANAL. HE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE WILL BE INFORMING THE
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COUNTRIES HE IS VISITING ABOUT PANAMA'S EFFORTS TO SECURE CONTROL

OF THE PANAMA CANAL.

4. CUBA. HE ALSO DECLARED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS CUBA'S SEGREGATION FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN FAMILY.

5. OAS ELECTION. EL COMERCIO REPORTS THAT TACK SAID THAT DURING HIS TRIP HE WOULD EVALUATE THE QUESTION OF ELECTING A NEW OAS SECRETARY GENERAL BECAUSE, UP TO NOW, NO CANDIDATE HAS A MAJORITY OF VOTES.
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